Digest of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (Summer 1997)

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
Featuring the graduates of the Class of 1997
Dear Alumni and Friends,

On Sunday, May 25, we honored the Class of 1997 at PCOM's 106th commencement ceremony. Degrees were awarded to 242 graduates: 228 received a DO degree, 12 earned a master's in biomedical sciences, and two received a clinical master's in obstetrics and gynecology. The event was held at Philadelphia's Academy of Music with more than 3,000 proud family members and friends. It was, as always, the highlight of our academic year.

An honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was presented to commencement speaker Louis W. Sullivan, MD. We saluted his role as a leader among physicians and educators, and his service in national health care as secretary of health and human services under former President Bush. An honorary degree also was presented to Eugene B. Chaiken for his tireless efforts as PCOM board vice chairman. His expertise and dedication to our College for the past seven years have contributed significantly to PCOM's success.

The graduates were told they have already spent more time, energy, money, blood, sweat and tears than any other profession on this planet, and they're not through yet. As physicians, they are committed to life-long learning and should never relinquish their roles as principal providers of patient care and promoters of community health.

Of the incoming PCOM interns, 78 of 91 are graduates of the College. We welcome all 91 as PCOM family, and we wish those going to other institutions good luck and success. Our interns will practice in seven of our affiliated hospitals. Our growing network of affiliated hospitals is part of a continuum of osteopathic medical education extending from the first day of medical school to the last day of residency or fellowship.

We are proud of all our graduates and are constantly striving to prepare them for success in their chosen fields. In fact, new goals and objectives for the College are being formulated in conjunction with the 1998 business plan and the self-study process for Middle States accreditation to continually improve our alma mater.

We cannot complete this message without mentioning PCOM's Centennial celebration in 1999. Our historian/archivist is working hard on our history book and archival treasures. The date and site of the Centennial Ball have been set. A marketing plan that will promote PCOM and the osteopathic profession leading up to the Centennial is being developed. We believe the end result will be a sense of pride in ourselves, our College and the osteopathic profession that is greater than it's ever been.

As always, we welcome you to stop in and visit your beautiful PCOM campus.

Sincerely,

Herbert Lotman, LL. D. (hon.)
Chairman of the Board

Leonard H. Finkelstein, DO, '59
President and CEO
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Editor's Note:
The Digest publication schedule has been changed from quarterly to three expanded issues a year (winter, spring and summer). The fall issue will be replaced by an expanded Annual Report.

On the cover:
Celebrating their achievements are recently engaged Amy Kellem, DO and William Gould, DO.
On May 25, the osteopathic medical profession gained 228 new physicians as PCOM graduated its 106th class. Proud family and friends gathered to celebrate at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, filling the regal main hall with clapping and cheering.

Speaker Louis Sullivan, MD, president of Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Ga. and secretary of health and human services (HSS) under former President Bush, inspired the graduates with thoughts of the future.

Dr. Sullivan asked the new physicians to “dream of a future not defined by material possessions, social status, fame and recognition. Instead, I ask you to think in terms of crafting a compassionate community, promoting good health and serving others.”

He urged the graduates to “transform our culture of callousness into a culture of character. A culture of character stipulates that indifference will not do, disregard is unacceptable, disdain is disastrous, and simple self-interest is spiritual strangulation.” PCOM presented Dr. Sullivan with an honorary degree to recognize his leadership in health and education.

Eugene B. Chaiken, PCOM vice chairman of the board, was also presented with an honorary degree for his tireless efforts in ensuring the College’s strong financial position. PCOM’s success today is largely due to his expertise, commitment and energy. Chaiken, who joined the board as
finance committee chairman in 1990, was elected board vice chairman the following year.

Other highlights

In addition to the DO graduates, 12 students earned a master's in biomedical sciences and two graduates received a clinical master's in obstetrics and gynecology. After commencement, PCOM's 16 military graduates were commissioned as officers: 4 in the Army and 12 in the Navy.

This year's commencement was also special because it marked the graduation of the first osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM) fellows: Gretta Gross, DO, '97 and Todd Bezila, DO, '97. The OMM Fellowship Program, funded by the family of C. Paul Snyder, DO, '10 and the Oxford Foundation, trains osteopathic physicians who have the ability to integrate advanced osteopathic principles into all areas of practice. The fellowship adds a year to the students' medical curriculum.

Melissa Pagano, DO shares a proud moment with her parents after the ceremony.

Linda Jones-Stephens, DO enjoys the special occasion with her family.
Kristi Johnson, DO, '97 doesn't merely live life. She embraces it. The words her librarian mother instilled at an early age still ring true for her: "The world is yours; just open a book and find it." This advice enabled Kristi to beat the odds in her Washington, DC neighborhood, where teenagers are more likely to get pregnant or deal drugs than go to college. With the ink barely dry on her PCOM diploma, Kristi's already talking about someday returning home to practice medicine and "give something back."

"I want to practice in an underserved inner-city area because I can relate to the people there, and because physicians are so needed," says Kristi. "I've seen the effects of drugs, crime and teen pregnancy on children, young adults and the elderly. I think physicians who are sensitive to others' social and economic problems will be more productive."

People in the inner-city are often more concerned with everyday problems at the expense of their health, says Kristi. "They'll say 'I can't worry about my sugar being high - I need to pay the rent,'" she explains. "I had one patient who lived across from a crack house and couldn't sleep at night. She didn't care about her high blood pressure. So we called her social worker who contacted the police about closing the house. Then the patient could think about her health."

When researching medical schools, Kristi was immediately attracted to PCOM's osteopathic philosophy. She liked viewing the patient as more than an illness, and she was drawn to the College's focus on primary care and community outreach. "PCOM really spoke to my heart, and my mind," she recalls.

**Good values**

Kristi and her three siblings grew up with parents who stressed education and community service. Their teachings paid off. One of Kristi's sisters is a physical therapist, and her younger sister has taken a keen interest in medicine, bombarding Kristi...
Kristi learned about medicine the hard way. A sickly child, she was plagued with chronic ear infections, strep throat and mononucleosis. Her physician's positive impact is largely why she became a doctor. "I was impressed with how someone could change your life in two visits," she remembers. "I wanted a career where I could do the same."

Dedication to community service

Inspired by her family's community involvement, Kristi has always made time for community service, even during medical school. She volunteered in her community and in the library where her mother works, and had a strong presence in church-related activities.

"My mom and dad taught me to never forget where you came from, and never forget who helped you along the way," says Kristi, who was raised in a community where giving with questions at every chance.

At PCOM, Kristi was very involved with the Student National Medical Association (SNMA), the country's largest organization of minority medical students. She served as president of PCOM's chapter in 1994-1995 and was regional recording secretary at the same time. "SNMA's primary focus is to meet the needs of the minority medically underserved," says Kristi. "When you get involved with the group as a student, you bring the ideas and philosophy into practice with you."

She also was co-head of PCOM's student note-taking service for two years, and served as a national member of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians. At the end of her second year, she was voted by her entire class as co-recipient of the "Student Service Award" for outstanding service to the College community. In 1996, she received the $3,000 Bernard F. Master, DO ('66) Scholarship, which recognizes a student who intends to practice primary care medicine in a medically underserved area.

In the summer of 1994, Kristi was one of 20 PCOM students who participated in "Bridging the Gaps," a city-wide program that immerses medical students in the challenges of urban health care. Working with the Community Advisory Board in West Philadelphia, Kristi and her peers planned an educational program to combat teenage pregnancy.

"Adolescents have a tough time," says Kristi. "They think they're invincible, yet many adults seem to forget their minds are still young and growing and that the right influence can make a difference. They need positive role models."

A patient advocate

The "Gaps" experience reinforced Kristi's decision to become a family physician. She wants to work with patients of all ages, and she enjoys the rapport-building that comes with being a family physician.

"I feel it's important to be a patient advocate, so patients will trust me and confide in me," says Kristi. "Too many people get lost in the shuffle and don't know where to turn for help — or they're just afraid to ask questions. Patients should know they can come to me, and I'll find a way to help."

One of Kristi's favorite PCOM memories occurred while she was on rotation at St. Joseph's Hospital in Philadelphia, where she will serve her internship and residency. She finished treating a woman in the ER, who said to her, "A lot of people are going to get better because you're a doctor."

With Kristi's drive and devotion to her patients, that prediction is right on the mark.
After four years at PCOM, Maria Henwood, DO, '97 is used to hearing "Another Henwood?" Attending PCOM is something of a family tradition. Her father William (class of '76), sister Carol Henwood-Dahdah (class of '83), and brother Jon (class of '90) have blazed the PCOM trail before her.

It may be hard to believe, but Maria decided to become a physician and attend PCOM sans family pressure. Although growing up she always said she would become a doctor, she discovered a love for English in high school. She majored in English in college, visualizing a career as a college professor. But the desire to become a doctor surfaced when she saw students on her dorm floor studying the sciences. Her college sweetheart (now fiancé), Dominic Storto, PCOM '98, who was single-minded about going to medical school, was also a strong influence.

"I'm glad I found medicine the way I did so I know it was truly what I wanted, not what my family wanted," says Maria. Nevertheless, much of her inspiration comes from her family of DOs, especially her father — the "epitome of determination," according to Maria.

"My dad went to medical school - with a wife and five kids to support - after being a pharmacist for many years," she says. "He believes if you put your mind to something, you can do it. He and my mom, who is the encouraging force behind us all, taught me the value of hard work."

William R. Henwood, DO, '76, the 1997 Alumni Association president, serves as PCOM's regional assistant dean for western Pennsylvania.

She also learned a lot from her sister Carol, a family physician in Pottstown, Pa. who serves on the alumni board with her father. Maria worked with Carol for a month while on rotation. "I'm so proud of my sister; she's a terrific doctor and a hard worker," says Maria. "She's a great role model. Her patients would tell me how much they love her, sometimes not knowing she was my sister."

Maria's brother, Jon, is a vascular surgeon who joined his father's practice last year.

Overall, she says being the fourth PCOM Henwood was a positive experience, although it was difficult to remain anonymous. Several professors who are friends of her father knew her as a child. "One day I was sitting in a lecture by Bruce Kornberg, DO, '78," remembers Maria. "He said something funny, but I was too absorbed to catch it. So he looked at me and said, 'Laugh, Henwood, or I'll tell little girl stories about you.' "

The Henwood PCOM clan includes, left to right, Carol Henwood-Dahdah, DO, '83, alumni board member; William R. Henwood, DO, '76, Alumni Association president; Maria Henwood, DO, '97; and Jon Henwood, DO, '90.
Osteopathic difference

All the medical instruction aside, Maria says the most important thing her family taught her was compassion. “Compassion plays such an important role in osteopathic medicine, with its emphasis on the whole person and taking care of the physical, social and emotional needs,” she says.

Another aspect of osteopathic medicine she’s sure to incorporate into her practice is osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM). “It’s an extra tool and patients can appreciate the difference,” notes Maria. “There’s plenty you can do with patients of all ages to enhance their healing. Unfortunately, there’s still misinformation and prejudice about DOs. It’s up to us to show people that we have all the training MDs have, plus something extra.”

A niche

Maria found her own niche in pediatrics. “Today more than ever, children need strong role models,” she notes. “Preventive health care, which is the foundation of the primary care philosophy taught at PCOM, is so important at this point in their lives. But working with children can be difficult because they often can’t communicate - or won’t. That’s the challenge - finding out what’s wrong and making them better. ”

Maria’s favorite rotation was in the emergency room at Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, where she saw an incredible number of patients. She says the clinical years did wonders for her personality. Painfully shy in grammar school and high school, Maria found herself becoming friendlier and more comfortable interacting with people.

During rotations, she also realized how well the College prepares its students for practice. “PCOM has a lot of required core clinical rotations in primary care, which give students a good basis for whatever field they pursue,” she explains. “I’ve met allopathic students who only had one month of family medicine.

“The internship is key, too, because it gives students another year to learn before entering a specialty. I wouldn’t give up that year even if I had the chance right now to enter a pediatric residency.”

The future

While Maria still can’t believe she’ll no longer have to introduce herself as “student doctor Henwood,” she looks forward to doing what she likes best. “Whether it’s my family or a patient, I love to take care of people,” she says. “I want to be a pediatrician, wife and mother all rolled into one, with each being equally important.”

Maria will serve an internship at Kennedy Memorial Hospitals-University Medical Center in Stratford, NJ and then will pursue a pediatrics residency. In October 1998, she will marry Dominic. Maria’s already thinking about someday teaching at PCOM. Like father like daughter.
Commencement...a final glimpse

Marc Greenstein, DO shares his joy with a family member.

Preparing for commencement are, left to right, Herbert Loitman, chairman of the board; Eugene B. Chaiken, vice chairman of the board; and Leonard H. Finkelstein, DO, '59, president and CEO. Chaiken received an honorary degree for his commitment to PCOM's financial health.

Graduates Sean Dakshaw, DO, left, and David Healey, DO put on the finishing touches backstage moments before the ceremony.
Campaign goals reflect College mission

The qualities that separate Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine from other colleges are not simply the bricks and mortar of the institution. PCOM’s unique mission is to educate community-responsive, primary care-oriented physicians prepared to practice medicine in the 21st century.

The College has the faculty, students, employees and programs expected of a first-rate osteopathic medical school. A carefully developed strategic plan aided by the long-range vision of PCOM’s leaders positions us perfectly for the turn of the century.

Our overriding concern is that students are provided with the best learning opportunities possible. With a commitment to securing optimal conditions for our students, PCOM has identified three areas of need.

- **Academic leadership** $10,000,000
- **Master facilities plan** $10,000,000
- **Student financial aid** $5,000,000
- **Total to advance the mission** $25,000,000

PCOM’s past success inspires us to look ahead to future support. The College is thankful and appreciative of alumni who are already participating in The PCOM Mission. Hopefully everyone will consider investing in the medical education of generations of PCOM students to come.

Jay Rosan, DO, ’71, establishes scholarship

“It is important that one should strengthen both the world and our concepts of holistic care as taught at PCOM,” says Jay Rosan, DO, ’71. Toward this goal, Dr. Rosan has established the Jay Rosan, DO Philadelphia Futures Scholarship with a gift of more than $100,000 to The PCOM Mission.

The Philadelphia Futures scholarship, based on a program started in Philadelphia in 1989, helps underprivileged inner-city youths attend college. Volunteers contribute funds to educate students who cannot afford the cost of higher learning. Dr. Rosan, a program sponsor, sought to expand professional education opportunities with his PCOM scholarship. Having potential medical students learn about osteopathic medicine at an early age creates an awareness of the distinct features of an osteopathic physician.

PCOM is deeply grateful to Dr. Rosan for his generosity and commitment.

William R. Henwood, DO, ’76 boosts campaign with major contribution

It’s been a memorable year for William R. Henwood, DO, ’76. Elected president of PCOM’s Alumni Association Board of Directors, he began serving his term in January. In May, his daughter Maria became the third child of Dr. Henwood and his wife, Eleanor, to graduate from PCOM. Dr. Henwood, along with his daughter, Carol Henwood-Dahdah, DO, ’83 (also a member of the Alumni Association Board) and son Jon Henwood, DO, ’90, had the privilege of hooding Maria as she received her medical degree. See story on page 8.

Dr. Henwood, regional assistant dean for Western Pennsylvania, has always maintained an active role in training PCOM students. His major pledge to The PCOM Mission reflects this commitment. Dr. Henwood, who wants to see his $100,000 gift benefit the surgical education of PCOM students, is working with the campaign office to plan how these goals may best be met.

“I hope every successful osteopathic physician thinks positively about contributing to the future financial well-being of the College,” says Dr. Henwood. PCOM extends its sincere thanks to Dr. Henwood.

Plaque honors donors

“I will be loyal to my college and strive always for its best interests and for the interests of the students who will come after me.” This message from the Osteopathic Oath is prominently displayed on the new Student Lecture Hall plaque hung between the two Evans Hall amphitheaters. The plaque will be filled with donors who have purchased a seat in one of the 250-seat lecture halls. To purchase a seat, donors contribute $5,000 or more to The PCOM Mission and direct their gift to the amphitheaters.

Donors who have already contributed are: Adelphia Graphic Systems; Richard Donlick, DO, ’79; Phillip Ginsberg, DO, ’80; David Goldberg, DO, ’71; Roy Pasker, DO, ’65; Alexander Rodi, DO, ’58; Martin Rosenthal, DO, ’50; Lester Ruppersberger, DO, ’74; Bertram Shapiro, DO, ’59; and Marc Shapiro, DO, ’85.

Funds are very much needed for this area of the campaign. If you would like to purchase a lecture hall seat, please contact Pam Ruoff, campaign manager, at 800-739-3939.

Dr. William Henwood
Gerald A. Gleeson, Esq.

Lending health care expertise to the board

With his broad experience in health care, education and corporate management, Gerald A. Gleeson, Esq. is an asset to the board in more ways than one. Gleeson is a health care consultant in Philadelphia whose practice, begun over 10 years ago, focuses on clients' financial and organizational issues, as well as development of computerized health data and analysis systems. He also acts as a regular appointee of the Orphan's Court in matters relating to charitable trusts and incapacitated persons and minors.

For the bulk of his career, Gleeson served on the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, and from 1988-95 was senior vice president of operations and finance. In 1978, he founded the health care division of the Chamber, and authored the original set of health utilization statistics, which are now considered standard in Pennsylvania hospitals. As senior vice president, he organized the Chamber's Health Care Council to advise senior corporate officers about health care reform and promote development and integration of the Philadelphia region's vast health care resources.

A Philadelphia native, Gleeson graduated from Saint Joseph's University in 1955 and received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1958. He has three children: Alexandra, Gerald III and Tara, who graduated from PCOM in 1991 and is married to David Sussman, DO. Gleeson resides in Philadelphia with his wife, Constance.

Gleeson first became involved with PCOM in the early '80s, while teaching courses at Saint Joseph's University Graduate School of Health Administration. Former PCOM dean Joseph A. Dieterle, DO, '70 wanted to establish a joint DO/MBA degree program between the two schools. Working closely with the former dean and others, Gleeson was instrumental in setting up the program, which enables students to combine interests in medicine and business for careers typically in health administration.

Gleeson joined the College board in 1990. He feels that given his background and experience, he can contribute in a unique way. "I'm able to bring to the board an intimate knowledge of what's involved with the distribution of health resources throughout the region," he says. "My background in education and administration, together with my knowledge of the Philadelphia corporate community, help me to assist the board in making practical, informed decisions that affect the College."

Devoting substantial time to community activities has been a priority for Gleeson throughout his career. He served on the Philadelphia Board of Education for years, as well as on the board of the Health Systems Agency of Southeastern Pennsylvania. He was also a member of the Pennsylvania Business Roundtable Healthcare Committee, and the Coordinating Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, a city agency which allocates federal, state and local funds to private agencies to provide treatment to abusers. He was director of Operation Alphabet, a program that constituted the first attempt to teach illiterate adults to read through the medium of television, and was Honorary Consul of the Netherlands for Pennsylvania from 1968-72. A supporter of the arts, he also was on the board of Franklin Concerts, Inc., a non-profit organization that obtained bookings for young and emerging classical musicians. In addition, he served as a trustee at Saint Joseph's Preparatory School and is on the board of trustees at Harcum College.

As for the board's role in PCOM's future, Gleeson believes there are a number of goals it should pursue. "The board needs to continue its efforts to effectively communicate—with even more energy than in the past—PCOM's mission of training primary care physicians, so that the community understands what we're trying to do," he says. "In projecting our mission, it's critical that we help people to understand the full dimension of osteopathic medicine, including the differences between DOs and MDs. It's especially important that the giving community understands our mission, so that we can increase contributions and attract those people who make it possible to establish chairs, programs and more."

He also notes that the board must focus on helping graduates understand how changes in the health care system have transformed the profession. "New doctors need to realize that it's no longer a hospital- or physician-oriented system," he says.

As Gleeson points out, the health care system, as well as the community's perception of the osteopathic profession, are still in major transition. With his expertise and commitment to PCOM, Gleeson is sure to be a key player in helping the College board tackle these vital issues.
For Louis F. Amalfitano, DO, ’54, being an osteopathic physician hasn’t just been a job. It’s meant a lifetime of commitment and devotion to a discipline he’s not only vigorously promoted, but notably enhanced with his pioneering medical efforts and achievements.

Originally from Wilmington, Del., Dr. Amalfitano graduated from the University of Maryland in 1950, and then pursued his degree at PCOM. In 1952, while a PCOM student, he authored a resolution to have the Veteran’s Administration (VA) utilize osteopathic doctors at VA hospitals, which was unanimously approved by the Disabled American Veterans organization. In gaining VA recognition of the osteopathic profession, Dr. Amalfitano’s resolution paved the way for acceptance—and respect—of DOs in the military, the National Institutes of Health and other key institutions.

After an internship at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital, he completed his residency at PCOM. He returned to Detroit to begin his pediatric practice, with a subspecialty in athletic injuries. Dr. Amalfitano was founder and designer of the pediatric unit at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital, as well as chairman of pediatrics and member of the executive committee. In addition, he was chief of staff at the Greater Detroit Hospital Medical Center, and chairman of pediatrics at Art Centre Hospital. Deeply committed to helping children, Dr. Amalfitano also founded and directed the largest cystic fibrosis clinic in Michigan. He was on staff at numerous hospitals in the region, and recalls that a typical day often meant working from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. “He’s such a hard worker; I’ve never met anyone like him,” says his wife, Gloria.

Dr. Amalfitano has been an innovator in the field. In 1955-56, while a PCOM resident, he helped introduce the first blood exchange transfusion procedure in the osteopathic profession. The transfusion, performed at PCOM, was for Rh negative babies. In 1963 Dr. Amalfitano made an unprecedented discovery regarding hypertrophic pyloric stenosis, a serious stomach track condition that affects babies in the first few weeks of life. Dr. Amalfitano proved that the condition is not congenital, as previously believed, but rather acquired, and that it is reversible without surgery.

As a strong promoter of the profession, he also was a key player in obtaining privileges for DOs in Michigan hospitals, at a time when the medical community was not receptive to osteopaths.

Dr. Amalfitano has also enjoyed a very successful sports medicine practice. From the 1960s through the ’80s, he was team physician for the Detroit Tigers, Pistons, Lions, and Red Wings, as well as for numerous area high schools. One of his more famous patients was actor Danny Thomas. Among his honors for outstanding service are induction into the Catholic League Coaches Hall of Fame and nomination for the “Sportsman of the Year Award” from the March of Dimes.

His family ties to the osteopathic profession, and PCOM specifically, are quite extensive. His brothers Joseph (class of ’45) and Albert (class of ’37), brother-in-law John Cifala, (class of ’45) and nephew Mark (class of ’91) are members of the profession. Three of Dr. Amalfitano’s four children are also PCOM graduates: Diane (class of ’84), Michael (class of ’85) and David (class of ’87). His son Don is a successful real estate professional. Dr. Amalfitano’s wife, Gloria, a former medical researcher, was responsible for obtaining the first grant to PCOM for cancer research.

He and his wife reside in Lathrup Village, Mich., where he maintains a part-time practice servicing nursing homes. “The focus of my practice is now at the other end of the age spectrum,” he says.

Dr. Amalfitano joined the alumni board more than 20 years ago. While chairman of alumni membership in the early ’80s, he introduced the concept of lifetime membership, and set up a new fee plan which decreased a member’s dues with each passing year. He was instrumental in increasing alumni membership: the percentage of new members gained while he was in office hasn’t been surpassed since. Dr. Amalfitano also served as president of the alumni board in 1985-86.

He feels the board’s ongoing role is “to increase communication with alumni and act as a support for alumni in every way possible—such as helping those with concerns or problems relating to their practice.” He also sees the reverse as an important goal: “The board needs to encourage alumni to maintain their loyalty to PCOM, in order to keep the College thriving and growing,” he notes.

With devoted alumni like Louis Amalfitano, DO, ’54, PCOM can’t help but to flourish.
On May 19, the new Cambria Street Healthcare Center opened its doors to the public. The larger, more modern center replaces the old site a block away. Cambria has been a vital teaching center for thousands of PCOM students since 1965. The site houses two tenants, an apothecary adjacent to Cambria’s lobby and a dialysis center, which has a separate entrance.

As part of PCOM’s Master Facilities Plan, the $3 million Center was partially funded by the College’s Golf Classic and The PCOM Mission. A grand opening ceremony is planned for the fall.

Did you know . . .

- Cambria Street Healthcare Center opened in 1976 to accommodate patients when PCOM’s 20th and Susquehanna Health Care Center closed?
- Cambria’s former location at 2204 West Cambria Street was previously a state liquor store?
- Stephen S. Fedec, DO, ’71, who directed the Susquehanna Center since 1974, was Cambria’s first medical director?

CAMBRIA STREET HEALTHCARE CENTER FACTS:

- 10,000 square feet
- dialysis center
- pharmacy
- 20 exam rooms
- expanded parking facilities

Anatomy professor Richard Notzold retires

Richard Notzold, PhD, professor, anatomy, retired from PCOM after 25 years of service. He joined the anatomy department in 1972 as an assistant professor. Over the years he has witnessed the evolution of PCOM and osteopathic medicine. “Dr. Notzold is unmatched in teaching histology, and his sense of humor has been a great asset to the department,” says Tage Kvist, PhD, chairman and professor, anatomy.

In 1983, Dr. Notzold received the “Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching,” the same year he became a full professor. This year, PCOM’s chapter of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) presented him with its “Mentor Award.”

Dr. Notzold was honored at a PCOM reception June 12 to mark his retirement. Students, faculty and staff gathered to wish him well and reflect on his contributions to the College. “Freshman are often intimidated at first, but Dr. Notzold made it much easier for us,” recalls Becky Reed, DO, ’97. “He was always very approachable and willing to answer questions.”

Dr. Notzold will continue to teach part time at PCOM, but plans to spend time working in his garden at home in West Chester, Pa.
Summer construction update

Renovations this summer focused on the library and computer lab. The library was expanded with a new audio-visual room and more individual study spaces. The computer lab's new location is double the size and capacity of the former site. A new library area for Medline and other database searches has replaced the old computer lab.

Student scholarly activity

Heather Rakar, DO, '99 and Valerie Funk, DO, '99 received the Dr. Angus Gordon Cathie Scholarship. The scholarship recognizes students who have demonstrated academic achievement in both anatomy and osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM).

Charles Nuss, PCOM '99 received the Michael F. Avalone Memorial Scholarship. The $2,500 scholarship was established by Michael F. Avalone, DO, '59 in memory of his parents.

Stephanie Waechter, PCOM '98 is the second recipient of the Louisa B. Smith, DO Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a highly motivated female student who has demonstrated interest in OMM.

Brian Clements, PCOM '98 received the Bernard F. Master, DO Scholarship, which recognizes a student who intends to practice primary care medicine in a medically underserved area.

Doctor of psychology (PsyD) student Michael Dolan was awarded a Certificate of Proficiency in the treatment of alcohol and other psychoactive substance use disorders by the American Psychological Association on May 1.

Award winners

DeEtte Vasques, PCOM '99, president of PCOM's student ACOFP chapter, accepted one of four "Educator Awards" at this year's ACOFP convention in Anaheim, Calif. The award recognizes the community service and educational programs of PCOM's student chapter.

On May 16, PCOM's alumni association awarded Stephen Lewis, DO, '97 the "Thomas M. Rowland, Jr. Scholar-Athlete Award." The award is presented each year to a member of the graduating class who has shown academic excellence and contributed to the College's athletic program.
Continued from Spring Digest, here's another peek at some of the items that comprise PCOM's first exhibit, "Treasures of the Archives." The exhibit will be on display through 1997 in the new lobby of Evans Hall.

Who said medical school was all work and no play? Frank V. Caruso and Albert F. D'Alonzo (both class of 1956) dress up as entertainers John Parker and Marion Marlowe in the junior class skit. Dr. D'Alonzo was recently appointed medical director for PCOM's CME programs.

The Axone, June 1927. In 1920 the Neurone Society initiated a student publication called The Axone. The magazine contained accounts of College activities and alumni news, educational articles contributed by the student body, faculty and profession, and other columns such as "Bones and Groans" that reflected the "spice of life" at PCOM in the 1920s. By the mid-1930s, The Axone was integrated into The Osteopathic Digest.

Second Anniversary
September 5th, 1903 - September 5th, 1909
GRATITUDE

I stood in the deep dark woods. ALONE. IN AUGUST.
What to do?
Here stood the SQUALL ATHOS with gentle kindly eye,
We had never met before.
We have a bed for you, will you stay?
The dark clouds rolled away with GRATITUDE.

The Axone, June 1927. In 1920 the Neurone Society initiated a student publication called The Axone. The magazine contained accounts of College activities and alumni news, educational articles contributed by the student body, faculty and profession, and other columns such as "Bones and Groans" that reflected the "spice of life" at PCOM in the 1920s. By the mid-1930s, The Axone was integrated into The Osteopathic Digest.

Letter from a grateful patient, Maud E. Randolph, to J. Ernest Leuzinger (class of 1924), 1963.
Strong PCOM presence at POMA convention

POMA's Clinical Assembly May 7 - 10 at the Adam's Mark Hotel was once again very successful, with over 1,200 physicians, interns, residents and students attending.

Titled "21st Century Primary Care," the convention featured many presentations by PCOM alumni including Robert L. Meals, DO, '56, academic chairman and professor, radiology, who presented a fun-filled and informative radiology session. Galen S. Young, DO, '35, PCOM chancellor, provided an OMM demonstration in the new OMM classroom, much to the delight of PCOM students. Michael F. Avallone, DO, '59, served as convention general chairman for POMA's 89th assembly. Another highlight of the convention was PCOM's alumni luncheon, which focused on the changes and developments shaping PCOM.

POMA elects '97-'98 officers

John W. Becher Jr., DO, '70, chairman and professor, emergency medicine, was appointed POMA president.
President-elect John F. Callahan, DO, '67
Vice president Leonard V. Limongelli, DO, '68
Secretary/treasurer William A. Wewer, DO, '79 (re-elected)
Past president Kieren P. Knapp, DO, PCOM adjunct faculty, family medicine

Newly elected district chairmen are:
District 1 - Vincent G. Sacco, DO, '89
District 5 - Toni S.M. Casale, DO, '84
District 9 - William R. Henwood, DO, '76
District 14 - Jeffry A. Lindenbaum, DO, '75

Also during this year's assembly, POMA honored the 1997 40- and 50-year award recipients. The PCOM alumni who received this honor are:

40-YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS
Paul L. Bernhart, DO, '55
David Bronstein, DO, '56
Norma J. Christensen, DO, '53
Alan M. Fallick, DO, '56
Robinson G. Fry, DO, '56
John E. Love, DO, '56

50-YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS
Dominic J. Bontempo, DO, '46
William E. Briglia, DO, '46
Kenneth W. Ewing, DO, '45
Joseph W. Fairlie, DO, '39
Albert J. Forance, DO, '44

Richard K. Snyder, DO, '56
Barry D. Walp, DO, '56
Edmund L. Zapp, DO, '55
Michael J. Zappitelli, DO, '55

Edward Freedman, DO, '46
Arnold Gerber, DO, '40
Abraham A. Golden, DO, '35
Bernard P. Gordon, DO, '46
Simon M. Lubin, DO, '38
Alexander W. Mazerski, DO, '42
Arnold Melnick, DO, '45
Martin S. Neifield, DO, '46
Theodore Weinberg, DO, '44
Delene W. Yocum, DO, '46
George W. Northup, DO, '39, retired AOA editor-in-chief, dies

George W. Northup, DO, '39, died December 12 at age 81. A retired family practitioner, Dr. Northup is best known for his contributions to American Osteopathic Association (AOA) publications. He served as editor-in-chief for 26 years and as editor emeritus from 1987 until his death. "He was a man of great dedication and tremendous loyalty, and he contributed far and above the call of duty to his beloved profession," said John P. Sevastos, DO, 1996-97 AOA president.

Among his many achievements, Dr. Northup was the 1958-59 president of the AOA and the 1954-55 president of the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (NJAOPS). Upon his retirement as editor-in-chief in 1987, the AOA bestowed upon him its most prestigious award, the "Distinguished Service Certificate." In 1958, Dr. Northup was named the first NJAOPS "Physician of the Year" and in 1976 became the first recipient of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association's "George Northup Award." He was honored with PCOM's OJ Snyder Memorial Medal in 1972.

Dr. Northup is survived by his son Jeffrey Northup, DO, '72 and three grandchildren.
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